

MONTANA

1984 BEAR HUNTING REGULATIONS

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

BEAR LICENSES

BLACK BEAR —

Conservation License (Prerequisite)	\$2.00
Resident Black Bear	\$8.00
Nonresident Black Bear	\$100.00

A black bear tag is included on the Montana Resident Sportsman License and Nonresident \$300.00 Combination Big Game, Bird and Fishing License.

GRIZZLY BEAR —

\$2.00 Conservation License, \$35.00 Resident Sportsman License or \$300.00 Non-resident Combination License (Prerequisite)	
Resident Grizzly Bear	\$50.00
Nonresident Grizzly Bear	\$300.00
Grizzly Bear Trophy License	\$25.00

Grizzly bear hunting licenses are available only from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

Grizzly bear hunting licenses may not be purchased after August 31, 1984.

GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Application Deadline for Grizzly Licenses is August 31

ALL DISTRICTS OR PORTIONS OF DISTRICTS NOT LISTED AS OPEN TO GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING SHALL REMAIN CLOSED TO HUNTING OF GRIZZLIES.

HUNTING DISTRICTS OR PORTIONS OF SEASON DATES DISTRICTS OPEN TO HUNTING

Portion of 101 east of Highway 93, Districts 110, 130, 140, 141, 281, Portion of 406 west of Highway 89, District 415, 422, 424, 428*, 441, 442 and 450.	Oct. 21 - Nov. 25, 1984
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*District 428 will close to all bear hunting when the elk quota in Deer-Elk-Bear-Lion District 424 is reached.

District 427	Oct. 21 - Nov. 11, 1984
District 150, 151 and 280	Sept. 15 - Nov. 25, 1984

The annual limit per grizzly license holder is one grizzly bear of either sex. There shall be no more than twenty-five (25) grizzly killed by hunting or any other human activity in the ecosystem generally referred to as the Bob Marshall ecosystem area during the 1984 season. At such time as the total kill by human activity equals twenty-five (25) the hunting season for grizzly bear will be closed.

Grizzly bear season will close on 48 hours notice in the 100 and 200 series hunting districts when six (6) female grizzly bear have been killed by hunting or other human activity.

Grizzly bear season will close on 48 hours notice in the 400 series hunting districts when three (3) female grizzly bear have been killed by hunting or other human activity.

It is improbable but possible that the quota could be reached before hunting season even opens.

The taking of cub bear and female bear with cubs is prohibited. Cubs are defined as young of the year. The season will be closed to grizzly hunting in areas specified closed to all bear hunting.

Hunters taking grizzly bears must retain the hide and head from each specimen, even though the head may have been damaged.

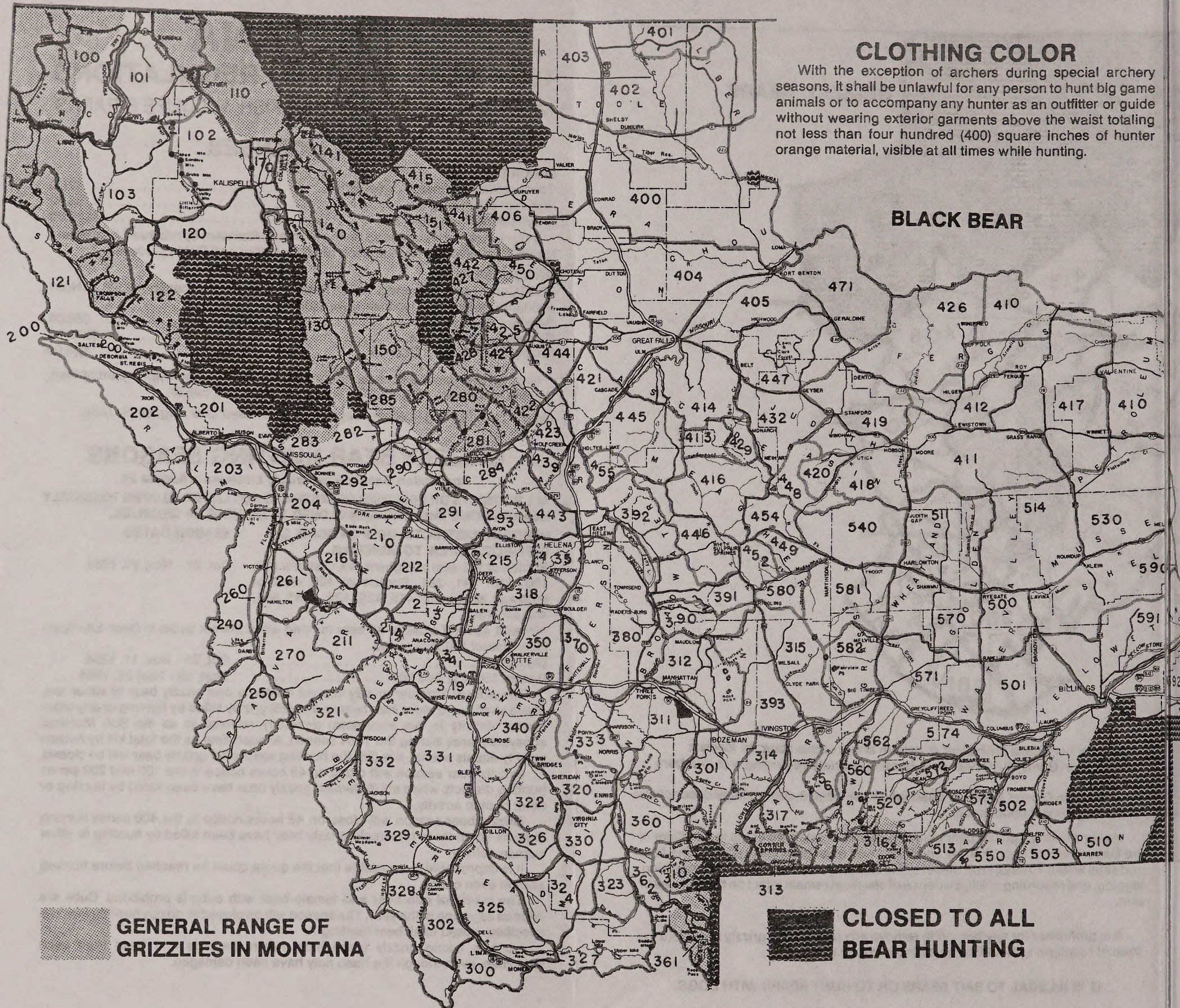
CLOTHING COLOR

With the exception of archers during special archery seasons, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt big game animals or to accompany any hunter as an outfitter or guide without wearing exterior garments above the waist totaling not less than four hundred (400) square inches of hunter orange material, visible at all times while hunting.

BLACK BEAR

GENERAL RANGE OF GRIZZLIES IN MONTANA

CLOSED TO ALL BEAR HUNTING



BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

HUNTING DISTRICTS

Districts beginning with number 1 and 2 with exceptions noted below

Exceptions

1. District 100, 101, 103

2. District 284, **Archery Hunting Only**

3. Blackfoot-Clearwater (District 282), Calf Creek, Three-Mile, and Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Areas.

Districts beginning with numbers 3 and 4 with exceptions noted below.

Exceptions

1. Sun River, Beartooth, Ear Mountain, Blackleaf and Judith River Wildlife Management Areas.

2. District 427

3. District 428

4. Districts 300, 301, 302, 310, 311, 313, 314, 315, 317, 320, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 330, 333, 360, 361, 362

5. District 316

6. All 300 series districts except hunting district 324 shall be open to hunting of either sex black bear by **ARCHERY ONLY** from September 8 through October 14, 1984.

Districts beginning with number 5

Exception

Districts 510, 511, 514, 540, 580, 581, 582

SEASON DATES

April 15 - May 31, 1984
Sept. 8 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - May 15, 1984
Sept. 8 - Nov. 25, 1984

Archery stamp required.
April 15 - May 31, 1984
Sept. 8 - Nov. 25, 1984

May 15 - May 31, 1984
Sept. 8 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - Nov. 25, 1984

May 15 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - Nov. 11, 1984

April 15 - closes when elk quota in district 424 is reached.

April 15 - June 15, 1984
Oct. 21 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - June 15, 1984
Sept. 15 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - May 31, 1984
Oct. 21 - Nov. 25, 1984

April 15 - June 30, 1984
Oct. 21 - Nov. 25, 1984

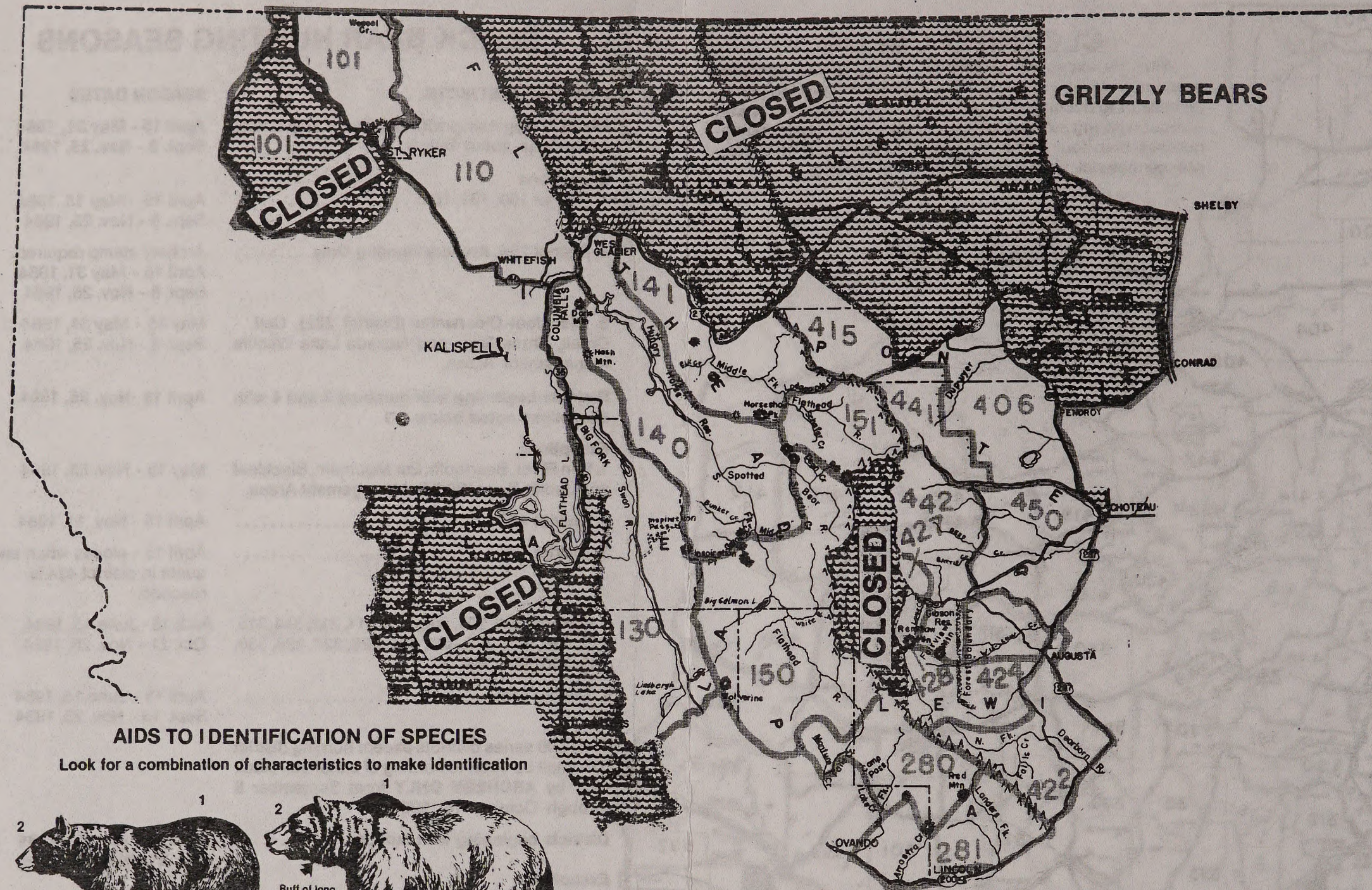
Limit: One either sex black bear per license year. Cub bears or female bears with cubs may not be taken. Cubs are defined as young of the year. The black bear license tag must be attached to the hide.

CLOSED TO ALL BEAR HUNTING

All bear hunting is prohibited in certain areas of this state, as follows:

1. All State Game Preserves, hunting districts beginning with numbers 6 and 7.
2. Gallatin Closed Area: For description see page 8 current legal descriptions of hunting district boundaries.

IF YOU SHOOT A BLACK BEAR, please present the head to any Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee for removal of a premolar which will be used to age bears.



AIDS TO IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES

Look for a combination of characteristics to make identification



BLACK BEAR

1. No prominent shoulder hump. Highest point of body is the back.
2. In profile muzzle is straight and long. Frontally, head and face appear round.
3. Claws dark, much shorter and more curved than grizzly claws.

GRIZZLY BEAR

1. Highest point of back is a muscular hump over the front shoulders.
2. In profile distinct brow gives "dished" look to face. The brow is not as well defined in yearlings.
3. Front claws are long, very prominent, and often light colored. Can sometimes be observed from great distances.

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Hunters taking a grizzly bear must report the kill within 48 hours to an officer of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an officer of the Department for purposes of inspection, tagging, and recording of kill. Evidence of sex must remain intact on the carcass or skin.

It is prohibited for any person to remove any portion of a grizzly bear from the state of Montana without first obtaining a trophy license.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO BAIT BEARS OR TO HUNT BEARS WITH DOGS.